

PUBLIC NOTICE

State of South Carolina (SC)
Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ)
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Columbia, SC 29201
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NOTICE OF A DRAFT AIR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

**ALUMAX OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. (ALCOA – MT HOLLY)
HIGHWAY 52 NORTH
GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA
(BERKELEY COUNTY / REGION 7 CHARLESTON EQC OFFICE)
AIR PERMIT NO. 0420-0015-CU**

Alumax of South Carolina, Inc. (Alcoa) has applied to the SC DHEC for a construction permit to increase previously established Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) emission limits at its existing facility. A Draft Construction Permit and Statement of Basis have been written by the BAQ outlining this proposal and applicable regulations. If approved, this permit will enable the facility to operate in compliance with State and Federal Air Quality Regulations. The draft permit has not yet been approved and is open to comment from the public, affected states and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Alcoa is a primary aluminum reduction operation that produces high grade aluminum from the raw material aluminum oxide. If this permit is approved, Alcoa will be able to increase its hourly allowable SO₂ emission limit from the Anode Forming Equipment & Scrubber and the Bake Oven Scrubber. However, the facility's previously established annual allowable SO₂ emission limit will remain unchanged. This annual limit enables the facility to continue to remain below Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) major source thresholds. If approved, there will be no new construction or physical modifications at the facility as a result of this proposal.

DHEC issued a Title V Operating (TV) permit to this facility on August 20, 2001. If the draft PSD construction permit is approved it must be incorporated into the facility's TV permit. Pursuant to SC DHEC Regulation 61-62.70 "Title V Operating Permit Program," this construction permit will be incorporated as an administrative amendment into the existing TV permit with no additional public comment period, provided all public participation and EPA requirements were fulfilled with notice of the construction permit action. The status regarding EPA's review of the proposed permit and the deadline for a citizen petition is available on EPA's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits/SouthCarolina.htm>.

Interested persons may review the materials drafted and maintained by DHEC for this plant and submit written comments on the draft permit by January 2, 2008, to Veronica Barringer at the above DHEC address. All comments received by January 2, 2008, will be considered when making a decision to approve, disapprove, or modify the draft permit. Where there is a significant amount of public interest, DHEC may hold a public hearing to receive additional comments. Public hearing requests should be made in writing to Karen Lee at the above DHEC address or by e-mail at: leeka@dhec.sc.gov. If a public hearing is requested and scheduled, notice will be given in this newspaper thirty (30) days in advance. A final review request may be filed after a permit decision has been made. Information regarding final review procedures is available from DHEC's legal office at the above address or by calling (803) 898-3350. Information relative to the draft permit will be made available for review through January 2, 2008, at the DHEC Columbia Office listed above and at the following location:

SC DHEC, Region 7 Charleston EQC Office, 1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 300, Charleston, SC 29405 at (843) 953-0150.

The BAQ maintains a county-based mailing list of persons interested in receiving notification of BAQ public notice actions. If you would like to be added to this list, please submit a request with your name, address, and counties of interest to Karen Lee at the above DHEC address or e-mail. Information on permit decisions and hearing procedures is available by contacting DHEC at either address listed above. Copies of a draft permit or other related documents may be requested in writing at a \$.25 per page charge. Please bring this notice to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.

This public notice may be viewed through January 2, 2008, on DHEC's website at:
<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/eqpnbaq.aspx>